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SUBJECT: SOUTH- NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

BEGIN SUMMARY: SOUTH- NORTH COORDINATING
COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED
FOR APRIL 24. ACCORDING TO ROK/ CIA LIAISON OFFICER,
MEETING IS AT ROK INITIATIVE TO MAINTAIN PERIODIC CONTACT
AND TO TEST THE OTHER SIDE' S CURRENT INTENTIONS REGARD-
ING THE DIALOGUE. HE DOES NOT EXPECT RECENT DMZ INCIDENT
TO COME UP. END SUMMARY.

1. AT 1000 HOURS APRIL 23 SEOUL AND PYONGYANG RADIO
SIMULTANEOUSLY ANNOUNCED THAT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF SOUTH-
NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE WOULD MEET AT PANMUNJOM ON
THE SOUTH SIDE APRIL 24 AT 1000 HOURS.

2. ROK/ CIA LIAISON OFFICER INFORMS THAT SOUTH TOOK
INITIATIVE FOR THIS MEETING AND THAT IN ADDITION TO
ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING " MANAGERIAL DETAILS"
OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE, MEETING WAS INTENDED TO
MAINTAIN PERIODIC CONTACT AND TO SOUND OUT THE OTHER
SIDE' S CURRENT INTENTIONS REGARDING THE SOUTH- NORTH
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DIALOGUE. HE SAID ROK SIDE DOES NOT INTEND TO RAISE RECENT DMZ INCIDENT, AND HE DOES NOT EXPECT NORTH TO SINCE THEY HAVE ALREADY DECLARED THEIR VIEW THAT IT WAS FABRICATED. HE ANTICIPATED THAT NEXT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE IN SEOUL IN LATE MAY OR IN JUNE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT MEETINGS ARE TO BE HELD EVERY THREE MONTHS.

3. WE ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY SIGNIFICANCE IN THE ROK NEWS MEDIA' S HAVING REPORTED KIM IL- SONG' S PROPOSAL TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS MEET EITHER AS PART OF A COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING OR SEPARATELY. LIAISON OFFICER SAID SOUTH VIEWED IT AS A NORMAL CONCOMITANT OF CONDUCTING DIALOGUE TO REPORT ANY NEW PROPOSAL OF THE OTHER SIDE. ALTHOUGH NORTH' S IDEA OF A MEETING OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVES IS NOT NEW, PROPOSAL THAT THEY BE INCLUDED IN A MEETING OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE IS NEW. UNDERHILL

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